

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of Claims

Claims 1-18, 20-52, and 54-75 are pending in the application.

Claims 55-62 are withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 1, 10, 11, 33, 63, 69, 74, and 75 are hereby amended.

Claims 4 and 9 are hereby canceled.

Claims 76 and 77 are new.

Applicants hereby request further examination and reconsideration of the presently claimed application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that claims 9-18, 20, 22, and 30 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 1, 33, 63, and 69 have been rewritten in the form that the Examiner indicated was allowable in the August 25, 2005 office action. More specifically, the limitation that was added in the November 18, 2005 office action response has been removed from claims 1, 33, 63, and 69 and instead has been rewritten as new claims 76 and 77. In addition, the limitations of claims 4 and 9 have been incorporated into claims 1, 33, 63, and 69. Claims 4 and 9 are hereby canceled, thus claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-18, 20-52, and 54-77 should be in a condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Consideration of the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application, and withdrawal of the rejections and objections is respectfully requested by Applicant. No new matter is introduced by way of the amendment. It is believed that each ground of rejection raised in the Final Office Action dated February 10, 2006 has been fully addressed. If any fee is due as a result of the filing of this paper, please appropriately charge such fee to Deposit Account Number 50-1515 of Conley Rose, P.C., Texas. If a petition for extension of time is necessary in order for this paper to be deemed timely filed, please consider this a petition therefore.

If a telephone conference would facilitate the resolution of any issue or expedite the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

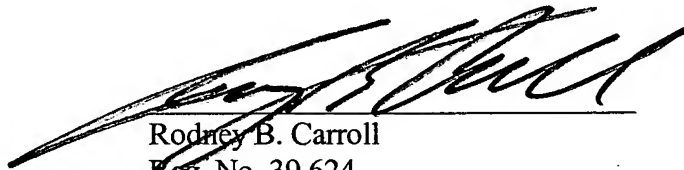
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